Assistance under NCCF for Andhra Pradesh

334. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for early release of case assistance and rice from the National Calamity Contingency Fund for the December, 2003 cyclone; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) and (b) As per the existing scheme for financing relief expenditure, the State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic support, where necessary.

Assistance for relief and rehabilitation in the wake of natural calamities is provided under two Schemes. A Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State. The Government of India contributes 75% of the corpus of the CRF. The State Governments contribute 25%. The State Governments are required to meet the expenditure for providing immediate relief to the victims of natural calamities from the CRF. A Committee under Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the State has been authorized under the Scheme of CRF to decide on all matters connected with the financing of the relief expenditure.

Where funds available in the CRF do not prove to be sufficient for meeting the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation, in case a calamity of severe nature, financial assistance is also provided to the States from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in accordance with the laid down procedure.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a memorandum seeking financial assistance from NCCF and foodgrains in the wake of cyclone in December, 2003. A Central Team was deputed by the Ministry of Home Affairs to assess the situation and requirements of funds. The report of the Central Team was considered by the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG). The request of the State Government along with the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the IMG thereon was to be placed before the High Level Committee for consideration and approval. However, in the meantime the High Level Committee was required to be re-constituted after the change of the Government at the Centre. The meeting of the

re-constituted Committee has now been convened on 14th July, 2004 to consider the request of drought and flood/cyclone affected States including the State of Andhra Pradesh for cyclone of December, 2003.

Meanwhile the State Government have informed that they have met the expenditure on relief operations in the wake of cyclone of December, 2003, out of the funds available in the CRF. It may be stated that the State of Andhra Pradesh was allocated an amount of Rs. 229.28 crore in the CRF for the year 2003-04 consisting of Rs. 171.96 crore as Central share and Rs. 57.32 crore as State's share.

Failure to nab rapist of Swiss Diplomat

335. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police and intelligence agencies have failed to arrest culprits responsible for abduction of 36 year old Swiss Diplomat from Siri Fort parking lot and raping her on 14.10.03;

(b) if so, the details of efforts made and the reasons for the failure to nab the culprits;

(c) the details of unsolved cases registered with Delhi Police during the last three years; and

(d) the cases declared closed and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) and (b) The culprits who committed this heinous crime have not so far been apprehended despite Delhi Police having, *inter alia,* deployed over 20 teams of seasoned and experienced investigators and launched a massive manhunt in which all the listed criminals with similar *modus operandi* were interrogated and their movements verified. The absence of complete description of the assailants including their physical peculiarities, dialect/accent, route traversed by them, place where they alighted from the vehicle are some of the constraints in the investigation of the case.

(c) and (d) The details of the cases registered by Delhi Police during the last three years and upto 31 st May of the current year and their status are given in the enclosed Statement (See below). The unsolved cases are closed only when, despite concerted efforts, no evidence becomes available to apprehend the culprits. Such cases are finally closed only when the report is accepted by the court.